

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1485 – SB 1899

February 22, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires each pre-kindergarten program to meet the criteria for a “highly qualified pre-kindergarten program” as identified by the Department of Education. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to include plans for coordination between voluntary pre-kindergarten classrooms and elementary schools within the LEA; a plan for engaging parents and families; a plan for delivering relevant and meaningful professional development to voluntary pre-kindergarten teachers; and for LEAs to utilize the pre-kindergarten growth portfolio approved by the State Board of Education.

Requires the Department of Education to approve a kindergarten entry screener that LEAs shall administer to all students entering kindergarten beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,000,000

Funding for this bill in the amount of \$1,000,000 is included in the Governor’s Recommended Budget for FY16-17 (page B-85).

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012542):** Adds language to the bill that requires the Department of Education’s Office of Early Learning to annually make available to all local education agencies (LEAs): (1) applications submitted for pre-kindergarten programs that the Department deems to meet the criteria for being a “highly qualified pre-K program”; (2) the results of site visits; and (3) other indicators as determined by the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information from the Department of Education, the cost to develop and implement the early pre-kindergarten screening test is estimated to be \$1,000,000. This includes the cost for teacher training, facilitation, and administering the actual test.

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- A recurring appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 is included in the Governor's FY16-17 budget on page B-85.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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